

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring.

Please replace paragraph [002] with the following amended paragraph:

[002] The present invention relates to vehicular suspension arms. More particularly, the present invention relates to a suspension arm hardware kit, to a method of installing a suspension arm, and to a protective spacer for use with suspension arms. The apparatus hereof is suitable for substantially protecting an installation area of the suspension arm from contamination, preferably at a reduced cost.

Please replace paragraph [013] with the following amended paragraph:

[013] In order to achieve the above-described object, in a first aspect of the present invention, an improved method of installing the suspension arm is provided, in which a cylindrical hole is bored in one end of the suspension arm. A bearing is installed into this cylindrical hole, and a sealing member is installed into each end of the cylindrical hole. A pair of spacer collars for regulating movement of this bearing are inserted through the sealing members at both ends of the cylindrical hole. A bolt is then inserted through the bearing and the pair of spacer collars. [[*]]The bolt also passes through a one end of the ~~suspension arm is installed to the~~ body-side bracket ,including attached to the vehicle

frame, thereby connecting one end of the suspension arm to the frame. On one end of the collar, there is provided an integrally molded [[a]] flange having a larger outer diameter than the inner diameter of the cylindrical hole, and this flange protectively covers and blocks the cylindrical hole.

Please replace paragraph [021] with the following amended paragraph:

[021] Fig. 6(a) is [[an operation]] a front view explaining an operation of the brake disk of the vehicle according to the selected embodiment;

Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph [021]:

[021.1] Fig. 6(b) is a sectional view of brake disk of the vehicle provided for explaining operation thereof according to the selected embodiment;

Please replace paragraph [025] with the following amended paragraph:

[025] Figures 10(a) and 10(b) are operation views for explaining operation of the described apparatus for installing the suspension of the vehicle, in which Figure 10(a) shows a known prior art design, and Figure 10(b) illustrates a structure according to an illustrative embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [059] with the following amended paragraph:

[059] The inboard installation area 177 is a portion obtained by screw-coupling the nut

168 to the tip end of the bolt 167 after the following steps: a cylindrical through-hole 182 is bored in an end portion 181 of the suspension arm 38, as noted, and a spherical sliding bearing 183 with rings 184, 184 is installed in this through-hole 182. Each side portion of this spherical sliding bearing 183 is sandwiched between cylindrical spacer members 186, 186 as a flanged collar. Sealing members 187, 187 are interposed between these cylindrical spacer members 186, 186 and the suspension arm at the inner surface of the through-hole 182, as shown[[]] (It will be understood that the sealing members 187 must be installed prior to, or concurrently with the installation of the spacer members 186[[]]). The [[A]] bolt 167 is inserted through the bracket 166, the cylindrical spacer members 186, 186 and the spherical sliding bearing 183.

Please replace paragraph [066] with the following amended paragraph:

[066] In the known design of Figure 10(a), for example, water splashed when the vehicle is passing through a puddle or the like splashes directly on a sealing member 261, situated between a through-hole 254 of the inboard installation area 252 and the cylindrical spacer member 258, as shown by an arrow. Therefore, if [[a]] the force of the water is strong, there is a possibility that the sealing member 261 may be contaminated or compromised by such water splashing, especially if it occurs repeatedly over an extended time period.